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SUBJECT: LESOTHO SUPPORT FOR US POSITION AT RECENT WHO MEETING GENEVA

- 1. LESOTHO MINISTER OF HEALTH, PATRICK MOTA, WHO LED LESOTHO DELEGATION TO 30TH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY IN GENEVA INFORMED CHARGE' THAT HE HAD SPOKEN IN COMMITTEE B IN SUPPORT OF US OPPOSITION TO DRAFT RESOLUTION DENOUNCING ISRAEL FOR NOT ADMITTING WHO SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS TO OCCUPIED AREAS. MINISTER SAID THAT HIS REMARKS ENJOYED ENTHUSIASTIC BACKING OF HIS OWN DELEGATION AND HAD EVOKED THE APPROVAL (IN PRIVATE) OF SEVERAL AFRICAN DELEGATIONS. MOTA SAID HE HOPES HIS REMARKS WILL PREPARE THE WAY FOR OTHER AFRICAN DELEGATIONS TO SPEAK OUT IN THE SAME VEIN IN NEXT YEAR'S MEETING. THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED 66-23 (US) 16 WITH LESOTHO THE ONLY AFRICAN STATE OPPOSING.
- 2. COMMENT: WHILE LESOTHO'S SUPPORT FOR US POSITION AS DESCRIBED BY THE MINISTER IS IN PART A REFLECTION OF HIS OWN VIEWS, IT CAN ALSO BE ATTRIBUTED TO GOL APPRECIATION OF THE US RESPONSE TO LESOTHO'S DEVELOPMENT NEEDS AND OUR CURRENT POLICY ON SOUTH AFRICA. PROJECTED AID RURAL CONFIDENTIAL

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HEALTH MANPOWER PROJECT (DOUBTLESS FOREMOST IN THE MINSTER'S MIND), RECENT US SUPPORT FOR LESOTHO IN THE UN AND THE POSITIVE US RESPONSE TO THE FARAH REPORT, COUPLED WITH OUR EMPHATIC CALL FOR CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA HAVE, I BELIEVE, AWAKENED IN THIS GOVT A NEW APPRECIATION OF THE VALUE OF COOPERATIVE AND MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE US. STOKES

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